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Highlights

LEADING THE NEWS

EPA on Time Crunch to Release Drifting Dicamba Herbicide Decision

By Tiffany Stecker

The Environmental Protection Agency is under pressure to reapprove new uses of dicamba, a herbicide meant specifically for genetically engineered crops that has caused widespread problems when it drifts into neighboring farms.

Blue-Collar Workers 'Invisible' as EPA Critiques Chemicals

By Pat Rizzuto

Electricians, firefighters, roofers, plumbers, homeowners, and school maintenance workers are among those whose contact with asbestos—and

other hazardous chemicals—the EPA plans to ignore, according to physicians and public health officials.

24 Environmental Rules Trump is Rolling Back

By Marissa Horn

President Donald Trump's deregulatory agenda has pushed at least 24 environmental regulations and policies issued during the Obama administration out of the queue.

TODAY'S NEWS

Trump Plan Could Prolong Lives of Coal Plants and Their Smog

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy

Tucked inside the Trump administration's plan to ease carbon dioxide limits is a change that could breathe new life into scores of aging coal power plants.

Nature Valley Drops '100% Natural' Claim After Pesticide Suit

By Deena Shanker

General Mills Inc.'s Nature Valley bars will no longer bear the "Made with 100% Natural Whole Grain Oats" label, after the company settled a lawsuit by consumer groups alleging the snack contained glyphosate—a pesticide better known as Roundup.

Roundup Cancer Verdict May Ignite 'Glyphosate-Free' Food Demand

By Lydia Mulvany and Megan Durisin

Consumers already pay a premium for foods labeled GMO-free. The next thing that shoppers could be shelling out for are foods free from pesticides—in particular, free from glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup, Monsanto Co.'s bestselling weedkiller.

Border Wall's Environmental Opponents Want Supreme Court Review

By David Schultz

The Trump administration's goal of constructing a wall along the U.S.–Mexico border could become much harder to achieve if a group of environmentalists win a lawsuit at the Supreme Court.

Kroger Bagging Plastics as Reusable Totes Become More Mainstream

By Anne Riley Moffat

The largest grocery chain in the U.S. will phase out single-use plastic bags at all its locations by 2025 as sustainable packaging becomes a growing focus for corporations and consumers alike.

Fracking-Near-Playground Rules Get Time Out in Pennsylvania

By Leslie A. Pappas

Pennsylvania's efforts to better protect schools, playgrounds, and wildlife from fracking activities are invalid, a state judge ruled Aug. 23.

Bayer Has a \$289 Million Roundup Headache

By Naomi Kresge, Aaron Kirchfeld and Klaus Wille

Last fall, as Bayer AG was completing its \$66 billion merger with Monsanto Co., Werner Baumann, its chief executive, visited the concrete-slab Berlin complex where company scientists develop disease-fighting drugs. At an employee town hall meeting, Baumann asked whether staffers believed environmentalists' claims that the Monsanto weed killer Roundup causes cancer.

Bayer CEO Tries to Calm Nerves After \$289 Million Roundup Award (1)

By Naomi Kresge

Bayer AG Chief Executive Officer Werner Baumann sought to soothe investors' worries after a \$289 million jury award over the controversial weed-killer Roundup, saying the \$66 billion purchase of Monsanto Co. still makes sense.

Kinder Morgan's Bylaw Spat With City Dismissed by Canada's Top Court

By James Munson

A British Columbia city won't have a chance to argue why its bylaws should apply to Kinder Morgan Canada Inc.'s Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion project.

Conservation Fund Extension Should Include Energy Bill: Murkowski

By Dean Scott

Parts of her ill-fated 2016 energy bill should be attached to an extension of the soon-to-expire fund for government acquisitions of land and water for environmental protection, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) said.

Tesla Exceeds Nevada Requirements for Gigafactory Tax Credits

By Brenna Goth

Tesla Motors Inc. surpassed the investment requirements for a Nevada tax incentive agreement benefiting the company's "gigafactory," according to a new audit of the project.

Oil's Surge Clouds Clean-Air Quest in Emerging Economies

By Ann Koh and Claire Jiao

Oil's rebound from the biggest price crash in a generation is sparking another revival: the use of cheaper, dirtier fuel in Southeast Asia's two most-populous nations.

Midwest Utility Turning to Cows, Landfills for a Gas Alternative

By Naureen S. Malik

CenterPoint Energy Inc. wants to introduce a pilot program in Minnesota offering customers access to a renewable form of natural gas recovered from dairy farms and landfills.

Enel Unit Begins Building Its First Solar Park in Zambia

By Jeremy Hodges

An Enel SpA unit started construction of a 34-megawatt solar plant in Zambia, a first for the company in the African nation.

Climate Change Has Already Hit Home Prices, Led by Jersey Shore

By Christopher Flavelle

Sea-level rise is already hitting home prices along the Atlantic Coast, new data shows—and nowhere harder than the tiny New Jersey town of Ocean City.

Carbon Reaches 10-Year High, Pushing Europe Power Prices Higher

By Rachel Morison and Jeremy Hodges

The cost of fossil-fuel emissions rose to its highest in more than a decade in Europe, surpassing 20 euros a ton (\$23) and adding to the cost of electricity across the continent.

WH Science Adviser Pick Queried on China, Political Influence (1)

By Alexis Kramer and Shaun Courtney

The nominee for the White House's chief science and technology policy adviser told Senate lawmakers that China's intellectual property theft and competition pose threats to the U.S. that will have to be contained.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WRAPUP

Small, Rural Coal Utilities Could Benefit From Climate Proposal (1)

By Rebecca Kern and Stephen Lee

Rural electric cooperatives and publicly owned utilities that own coal plants in the Midwest and Rocky Mountain West could see a boost from the EPA's Clean Power Plan replacement proposal.

DuPont Fined \$171K for Hazardous Waste Releases in Texas

By Karn Dhingra

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality fined DuPont Co. \$171,882 for failing to prevent releases of hazardous waste at the company's Nederland, Texas, facility.

Ford's Home to Host Hearing on Trump Fuel Economy Freeze

By Abby Smith

The Trump administration will be in the Motor City after all as it gathers input on plans to freeze federal fuel economy standards.

Colo. Governor Candidate Questions Rival's Support of Drilling Measure

By Tripp Baltz

Both party nominees for Colorado's governorship assured oil and gas industry representatives Aug. 22 they oppose a citizens' initiative that could effectively ban new drilling in the state.

Chemical Groups Cite Duty Relief Bill at China Hearing

By Len Bracken

Congress is likely to suspend duties on upwards of one thousand chemicals, two industry representatives said Aug. 22 at a hearing reviewing China-specific tariffs.



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